



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Goals & Objectives for the 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda

- Develop legislation to modernize federal offset requirements for areas where supply of offsets is inadequate, while furthering the pursuit of clean air objectives and Climate Change initiatives at the federal level.
- Seek clarification or amendment of Section 185 of the Clean Air Act to address potential inequities regarding Clean Air Act fees for stationary sources operating in areas that fail to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards by the stipulated deadlines.
- Facilitate legislative or regulatory action that reduces marine vessel emissions to levels that will help achieve attainment in the South Coast region by federal deadlines.
- Facilitate legislative or regulatory action that reduces locomotive emissions to levels that will help achieve attainment in the South Coast region by federal deadlines.
- Work with Congress, USEPA, U.S. Department of Transportation, County Transportation Commissions and Council of Governments, and other Stakeholders to:
 - Seek and/or expand clean air funding opportunities under the Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation (successor legislation to SAFETEA-LU) and other relevant funding reauthorizations;
 - Enhance provisions of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation by expanding CMAQ funding, strengthening the air quality provisions in CMAQ, and providing a greater role for air agencies in the transportation planning and programming process, consistent with Board policy.
- Seek to influence federal climate change initiatives and facilitate their implementation at local levels, consistent with the Board's policy adopted in September 2008, and with the legislative principles relating to climate change adopted by the Board in 2009.
- Protect AQMD's permitting and enforcement authority and enhance funding under EPA Section 103 and 105 grants.
- Seek and expand funding opportunities for clean air technologies and programs through the federal appropriation process.
- Identify and pursue funding opportunities for advancing clean fuels technologies, including low-carbon fuels, and support NASA and/or FAA funding for clean jet engines and fuels research and development